(*d*) whether estimates were prepared for the putting up of a new building, if so, when, and what is the amount ;

(*e*) whether the temporary shed put up also collapsed as the result of a fire on 22-5-1110, and if so, what arrangements have been made to conduct the school after the reopening of the school after the Christmas holidays ;

(*f*) whether the adjacent site of 43 cents was purchased by the people of the locality and entrusted to the Inspector under instructions from the Inspector of Schools for the putting up of a new building, and, if so, when ;

(*g*) what action was taken by the Inspector or the Director since the handing over of the purchased site referred to in part (f) to expedite the construction of the building ; and

(*h*) whether the public of the place have submitted a petition to the Director recently urging the construction of the building immediately, and, if so, what action was taken ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes ; 16-9-1105.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes ; on the 28th October 1930.

(*d*) Yes ; 23-2-1935 ; Rs. 7,950.

(*e*) Yes ; two private buildings were secured for holding the school.

(*f*) An extent of forty-three cents of land was surrendered to the Government unconditionally by the people of the place to serve as additional premises for the use of the school on the 4th Mithunam 1106.

(*g*) A plan and estimate for the erection of a new building were called for from the Chief Engineer.

(*h*) Yes ; the plan and estimate have since been obtained from the Chief Engineer.

Fee concessions in educational institutions.

32. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that all educational institutions are bound to allow half-fee concession to 10 per cent of the students of each community ;

(*b*) if so, whether the same rule is observed in all the schools ;

(*c*) whether there is any distinction between Government schools and aided or unaided schools in the matter of such fee concessions ; and

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(*d*) whether the aided and unaided schools are competent to ignore the rule, if any, in force and realise full fees from all students ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member whether there is any order issued to the Education Department as regards fee concessions to be allowed to each community ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There are several orders on the subject.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I ask what is the nature of the order ? Is it remission of a particular percentage of the fees or any other manner ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan ; I will refer the member to G. O. R. Dis. 1463/24/L. L. G. dated 15th May 1924 published in the Government Gazette dated 20th May 1924.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I ask wherein lies the necessity to have a distinction between unaided schools and the Government schools in the matter of fee concession ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : The unaided schools are given the option of introducing fee concession scheme. If they introduce it, they will get 75 per cent compensation from Government.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : May I know who are the members of the fee concession committee ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : The committee is composed of either the headmaster or the headmistress of a particular school, and the Tahsildar of the locality.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Are there any non-official members in the committee ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : May I know, sir, whether that question arises now ?

President : We are not discussing the constitution of the committee.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : In view of the answer submitted to my first question I think a supplementary question of this nature arises. So may I know whether a non-official will also be included as a member in the committee ?

President : That question does not arise ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : May I know what is the reason for not including a non-official as a party to the Fee Concession Committee ?

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President : I have already said that the constitution of the committee is not a part of this question. You cannot pursue further questions of that nature.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the language in which that G. O. was published ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : English.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I ask how those who do not know English could understand the contents of the G. O.?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I am not sure whether it was published in any other language.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know what are the important features of that G. O. ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : It is a published document, sir.

Petitions from landholders of Vadakkekara and Munambam pakuthies for remission of tax.

33. **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any petitions from the landholders of Vadakkekara and Munambam pakuthies in the Parur taluk complaining of the erosion of the sea in 1108 and 1109 and praying for remission of land tax in respect of those lands ; and

(*b*) when these petitions were received and what action has been taken by the Government ?

Mr. A Kumara Pillai (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes. An application relating to 1108 and 5 to 1109.

(*b*) The one application relating to 1108 was received in Mithunam 1108 and those of 1109 in Vrischigom 1109 The tax on the lands concerned was sanctioned to be written off and the same was given effect to in this (1110) year's accounts.

Newly abolished holidays for civil courts.

34. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) when the newly abolished ten Hindu holidays were originally sanctioned as holidays for civil courts ;

(*b*) how many judges and Munsiffs recommended to the High Court the restoration of the abolished ten Hindu holidays ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the High Court Vakils' Association at Trivandrum protested against the abolition of the aforesaid holidays and recommended their restoration ;

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